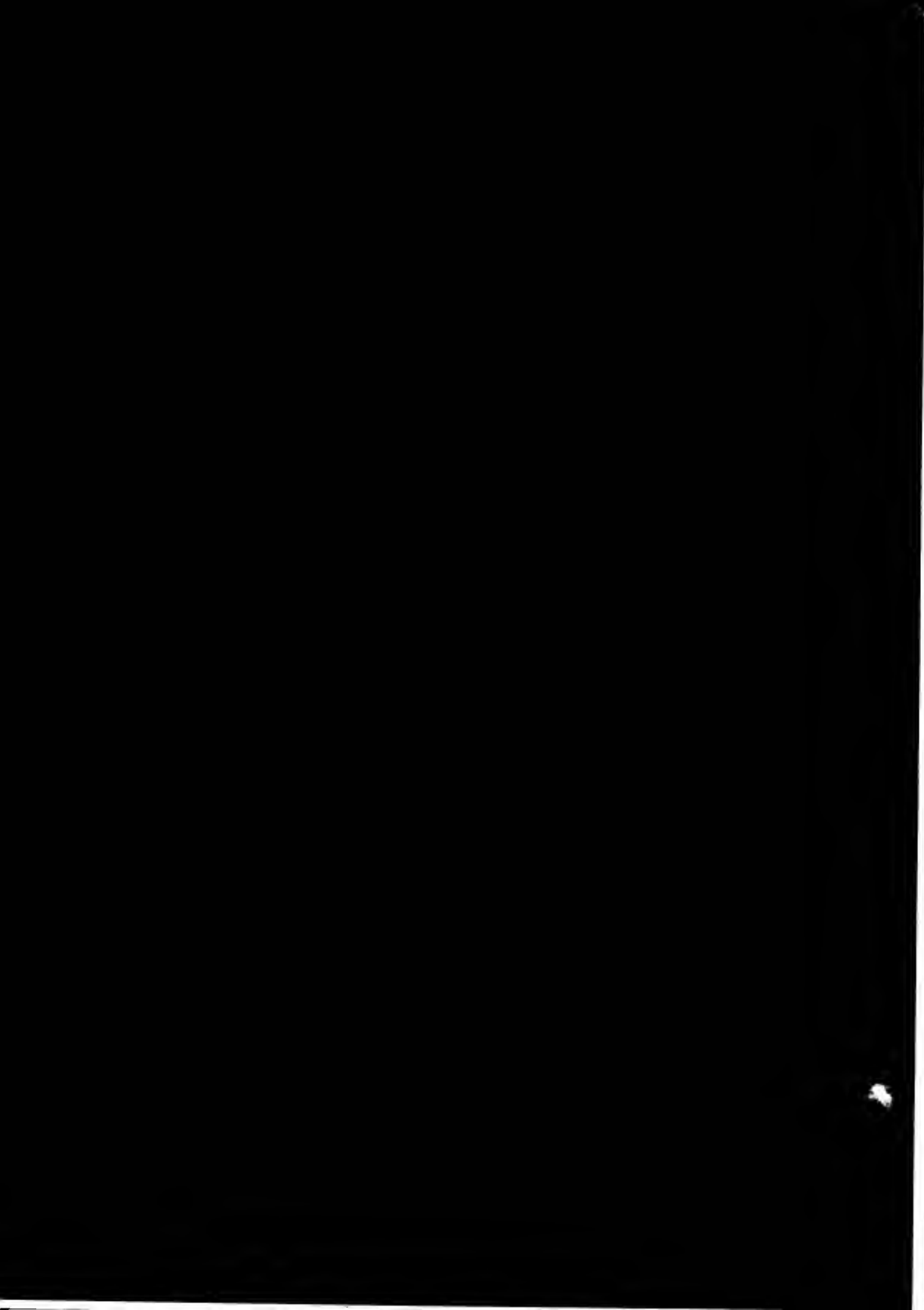


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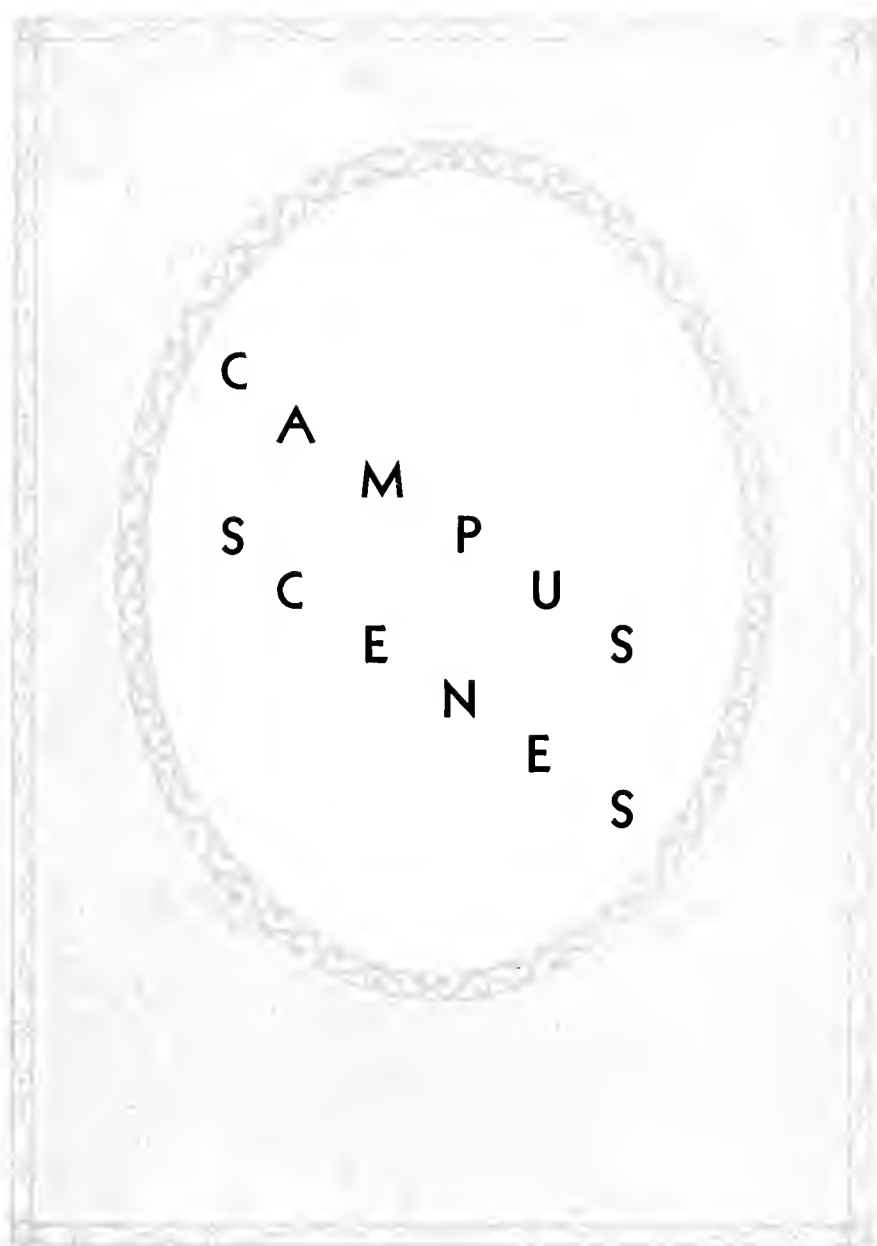


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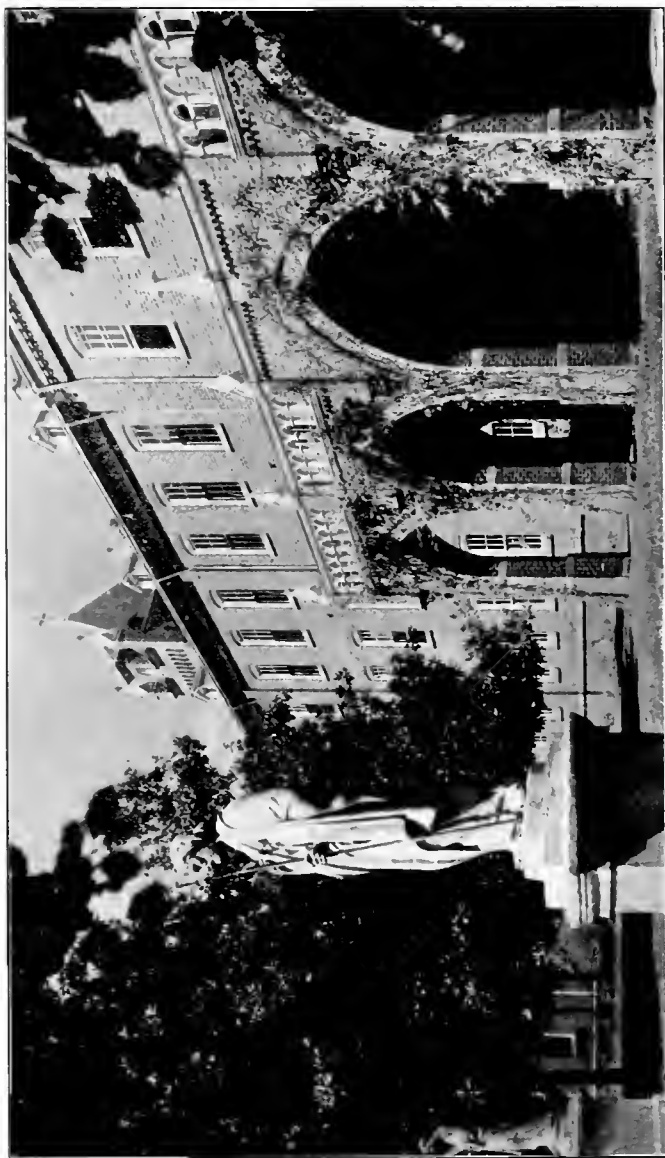


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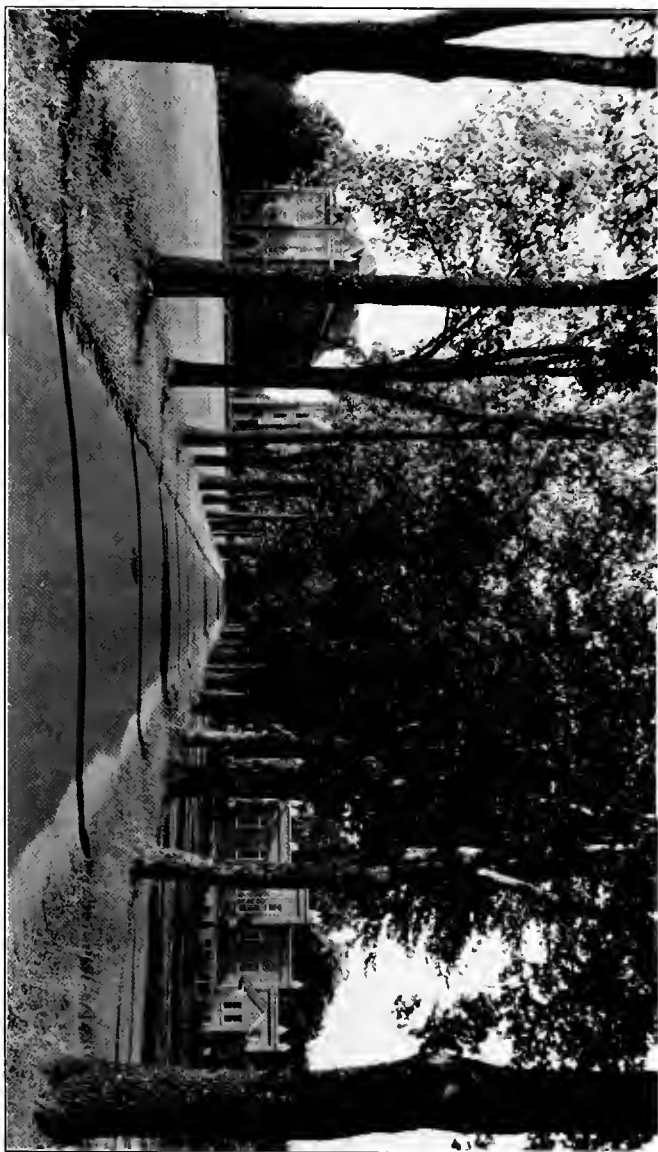
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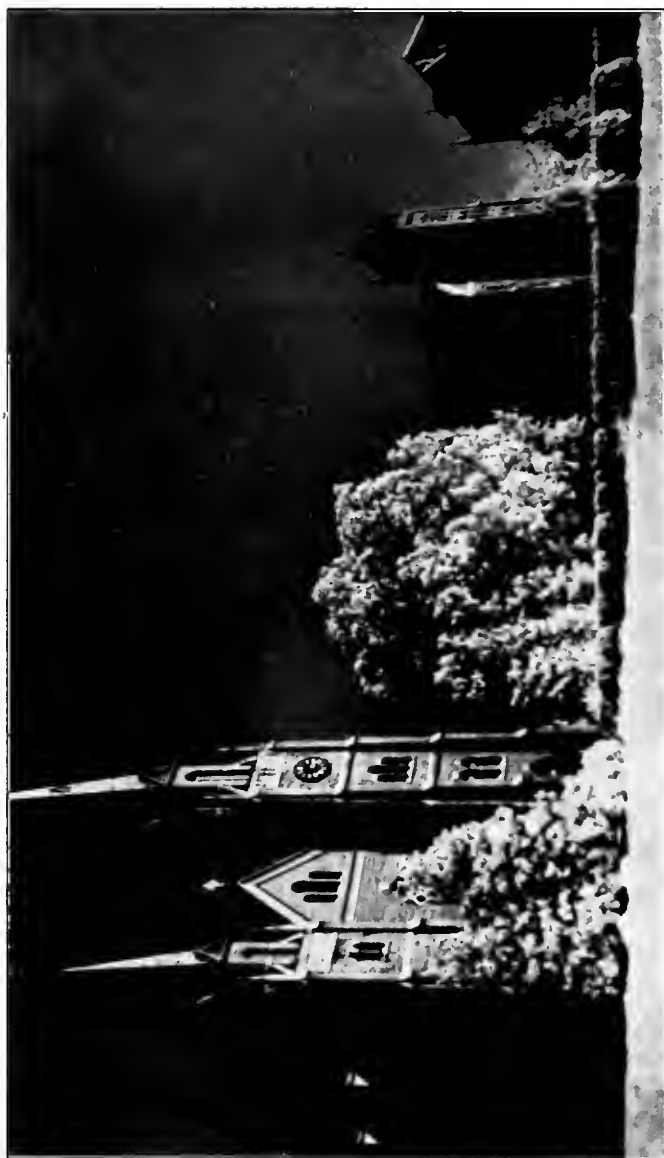




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SAVANNAH, GA.

The Spire, '31; Contact, '32-'34; Piedmont Club, '31-'34; Little Theatre Guild, '32-'34; Choir, '33-'34; Glee Club, '34; Altar Boys' Society, '29-'33; Monogram Club, '31-'34; Football, '29-'33; Basketball, '31-'34.

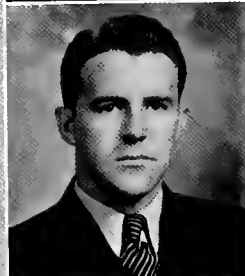


JOSEPH MAX BURTON

"Goat"

SPENCER, N.C.

Football, '32-'33; Basketball, '33-'34; Piedmont Club, '33-'34; Little Theatre Guild, '34; Monogram Club, '33-'34.



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"Tom"

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Piedmont Club, '34; Little Theatre Guild, '34.

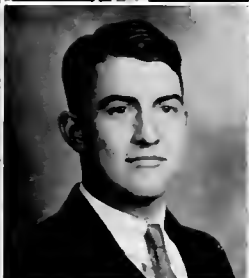


JAMES FRANCIS FLAHERTY

"Tim"

CAMDEN, N.J.

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"Belgie"

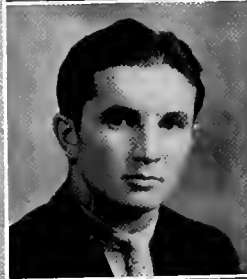
HOPWELL, VA.

Piedmont Club, '32-'34; Choir, '31-'34; Glee Club, '34; Football, '33; Little Theatre Guild, '34.



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SWISSVALE, PA.

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BELMONT, N.C.



PAUL CORNELIUS LYNCH

"Connie"

PORTSMOUTH, Va.

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HARRY PHILIP MAYNARD

"Pee-Wee"

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"Hag"

NEW BERN, N.C.

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LOUIS PAUL RIPLEY

"Rip"

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"Colonel"

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Piedmont Club, '31-'34; Choir, '34.



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"Bill"

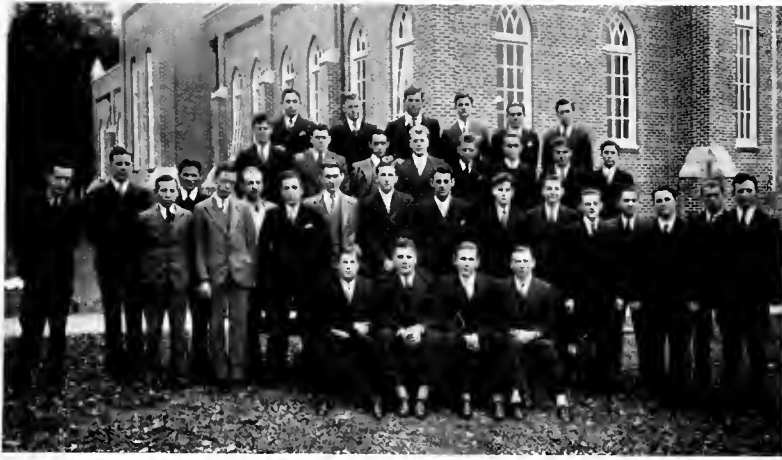
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Piedmont Club, '33-'34; Little Theatre Guild, '34;
Boxing, '34.



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The Freshmen have done their part during 1933-34. Under the leadership of Clifford E. Stults of Savannah, the first year men have rallied around every worthwhile activity and have made great strides in the drive for a "bigger and better Belmont."

They have been solidly behind the teams in victory and in defeat. They have boosted and sold tickets for dramatic productions. They have cooperated with the staffs of CONTACT and THE SPIRE, and have done a great deal to make this Annual possible.

The Freshman Class extends its heartiest congratulations to the graduating class and wishes them much success in all future undertakings.

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THE SPIRE STAFF

These men have made possible your first SPIRE. Most of them are "new at the game," but the experience they have gained this year will stand them in good stead as the years go by. Nearly all of them will return to Abbey and they promise you a 1935 SPIRE that will be bigger, better and more interesting than this first volume. But, just the same, they're proud of this one. Here it is.

Plans are already shaping themselves for next year's annual. The complete staff will be chosen at the beginning of the new school year and periodical meetings will take place under the chosen editor-in-chief and business manager. The 1935 SPIRE will be about 72 pages and will contain many new features.



LEFT TO RIGHT: *Front Row:* Edward Sheehan, Augusta, Ga., *Piedmont Club Reporter*; William Baran, Savannah, Ga., *Contributing Editor*; Charles F. Lightner, Swissvale, Pa., *Editor-in-Chief*; A. Terence Doris, Augusta, Ga., *Alumni Editor*; John S. Steele, *Sports' Editor*; Paul C. Lynch, *Circulation Manager*.

THE CONTACT STAFF

These are your CONTACT men—and how! Talk about a “nose for news” they haven’t missed a thing this year, as you’ll verify if you’ve been a regular receiver of the Abbey news sheet. To “Chuck” Lightner goes the major part of the credit: his editorials struck the keynote each month and aided materially in making 1933-34 a somewhat revolutionary year. “Terry” Doris made the Alumni “come across” with doings on the outside. “Spring” Steele developed a snappy, sparkling style in his Sports Column. “Bec” Baran was the funny man who gave you “Ramblings” each month. “Bud” Sheehan told you Piedmonsters what the old club was doing—and “Corny” Lynch saw to it that all these treasures were put in the mailsack and delivered safely at your doorstep. What a staff! What a staff!

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LEFT TO RIGHT: *Front Row:* Stults, Doris, Baran, Father Placid, *Moderator*, Lightner, Kearns, Dengate. *Second Row:* Gettemans, Utter, Linehan, Steele, O'Keefe, Sauer, Rogers, Burton, Lynch, Sumner. *Last Row:* Ripley, Stupasky, Exum, Tollefson, McCanless, Sheehan, Newman, Cantwell.

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<i>Secretary</i>	Denis Kearns
<i>Moderator</i>	Father Placid

This year—the ninth of the Club's existence—saw a radical change in regard to membership. Henceforth, only college students are eligible.

The initiation on Hallowe'en was a grand affair: first, the blindfolding in the club rooms; then the long, silent march to the grandstand; then the various degrees, with terrifying consequence; then the march back to the club rooms; then the oath; then the good, old "eats." Member, you old Piedmonsters?

The Christmas Smoker, at the Women's Club, Belmont, was most enjoyable. This year we had as speaker T. D. Kemp, Jr., columnist and reporter for the Charlotte "Observer." He took us on a tour of the world and introduced us to celebrities whom he had met in his career as a press-agent and reporter.

The usual pool tournament was held—after the pool table was recovered and behaved as if it were new.

The annual banquet will take place in June and an eminent speaker is to be our guest of honor. (See CONTACT for further details.)

Next year the club will be ten years old—and we haven't forgotten that tenth anniversary celebration. Will YOU be there, old Piedmonster?

Thirty-two



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Second Row: Vaughan, Sumner, Stults, Exum, Tollefson, Kearns, Steele, Sedinger, Doris, Gettemans.

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<i>Stage Manager</i>	James Flaherty
<i>Business Manager</i> . . .	Charles F. Lightner

The aim of the Guild is to enable the students to develop an appreciation of the Drama and to acquire skill in interpreting dramatic art. In recent years the Guild has made rapid strides and won widespread recognition for its work. Four years ago it won a chapter in the Delta Psi Omega National Dramatic College Fraternity.

This year the Guild was divided into two groups: the "Abbey Players" and the "Piedmont Players." The first group consists of students and young ladies of nearby towns. Their work has been characterized as "professional" by the Director of the Little Theatre of Charlotte. The second group, the "Piedmont Players," follows the Princeton Triangle Club style of dramatics, the female roles being played by the students. Some of the "Piedmont Players" have achieved success in professional theatre and radio circles.

In the past the following major productions have been produced by the Guild: "Haunted House," "Out of the Night," "The Night Cap," "His Royal Highness," "The Last Mile" and "The Cat and the Canary."

This year "Buddies" was produced three times with great success.

A Broadway mystery play is in preparation, to be produced in May.



LEFT TO RIGHT: *Front Row:* Fr. Dennis, Steele, Vaughan, Kearns, Gettemans, Lewis, Fr. Gilbert. *Second Row:* Fr. Hugh, Sumner, Sheehan, Lynch, Stupasky. *Third Row:* Fr. Brendan, Baran, Cantwell, Dengate, Lightner, Fr. Martin. *Last Row:* Fr. David, Ripley, Rev. F. Underwood, *Director,* Stults, Fr. Mark, Fr. Patrick.

THE CHOIR

During 1933-1934 the Abbey Choir presented the following Masses: "*Missa Quinquadecima*" by Haller, in two parts (November 1); "*Missa Choralis*" by Licinio Refice, Choir Master of St. Mary Major in Rome, three and four part harmony (December 8); also on this Feast Day: "*Jesu Dulcis Memoria*" and "*Tantum Ergo*" by Zeller; "*Missa Choralis*" by Licinio Refice (March 21).

On other feasts were sung: "*Missa Rosa Mystica*" by Vito Carnevali; "*Missa Tertia*" by Haller; "*Mass in Honor of St. Joseph*" by Schildknecht; and "*Missa Ave Verum*" by Vito Carnevali.

Gregorian Masses sung during the year were: "*Missa Solemnibus*," "*Missa Orbis factor*," "*Missa de Angelis*" and Mass for Sundays during Lent.

On the great feasts the proper (Proprium) of the Masses was rendered according to the Vatican Gregorian Chant.

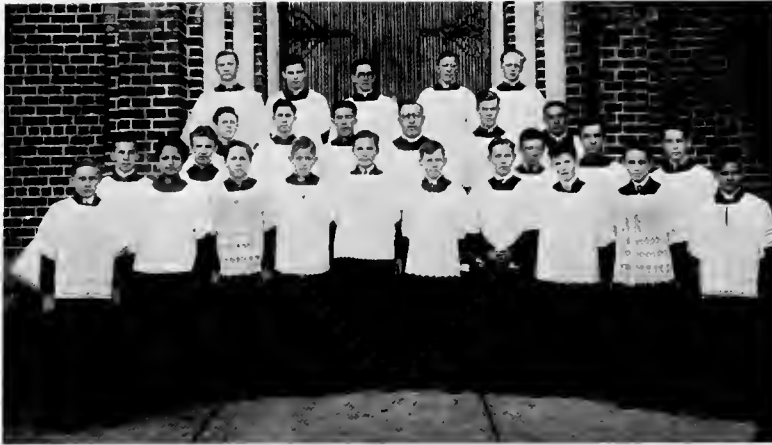


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THE GLEE CLUB

During the year 1933-1934 the following selections were sung by the Abbey Glee Club: "Tinkers Chorus" from Robin Hood, by Reginald DeKoven; "Tick-tick-tock" from Mozart; "The Twelve Gray Dwarfs" (Andante), from Beethoven; "Kentucky Babe" (plantation song) by Geibel; "O, Hush Thee, my Babe" by Arthur Sullivan; "Funiculi-Funicula" by Luigi Denza; "Winter Song" by Frederic Field Bullard and "Speedwell" by May H. Brahe.

The Glee Club was in demand on various occasions. they sang at luncheons of the Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs in Belmont and Gastonia and were heard on the air over WBT (Charlotte), sponsored by the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce.



LEFT TO RIGHT: *Front Row:* Ulmer, Rahaim, Burger, Harris, Brennan, Tatum, McGinn, Cronin, Chadwick, Northey. *Second Row:* Ford, E. O'Donnell, Gordon, Kearns, Sargeant. *Third Row:* Stierts, O'Keefe, Flaherty, Rev. F. Nicholas, O.S.B., *Master of Ceremonies*, J. O'Donnell, Bollman. *Fourth Row:* Doris, Rogers, Fr. Anthony, *Assistant Master of Ceremonies*, Stupasky, Campbell.

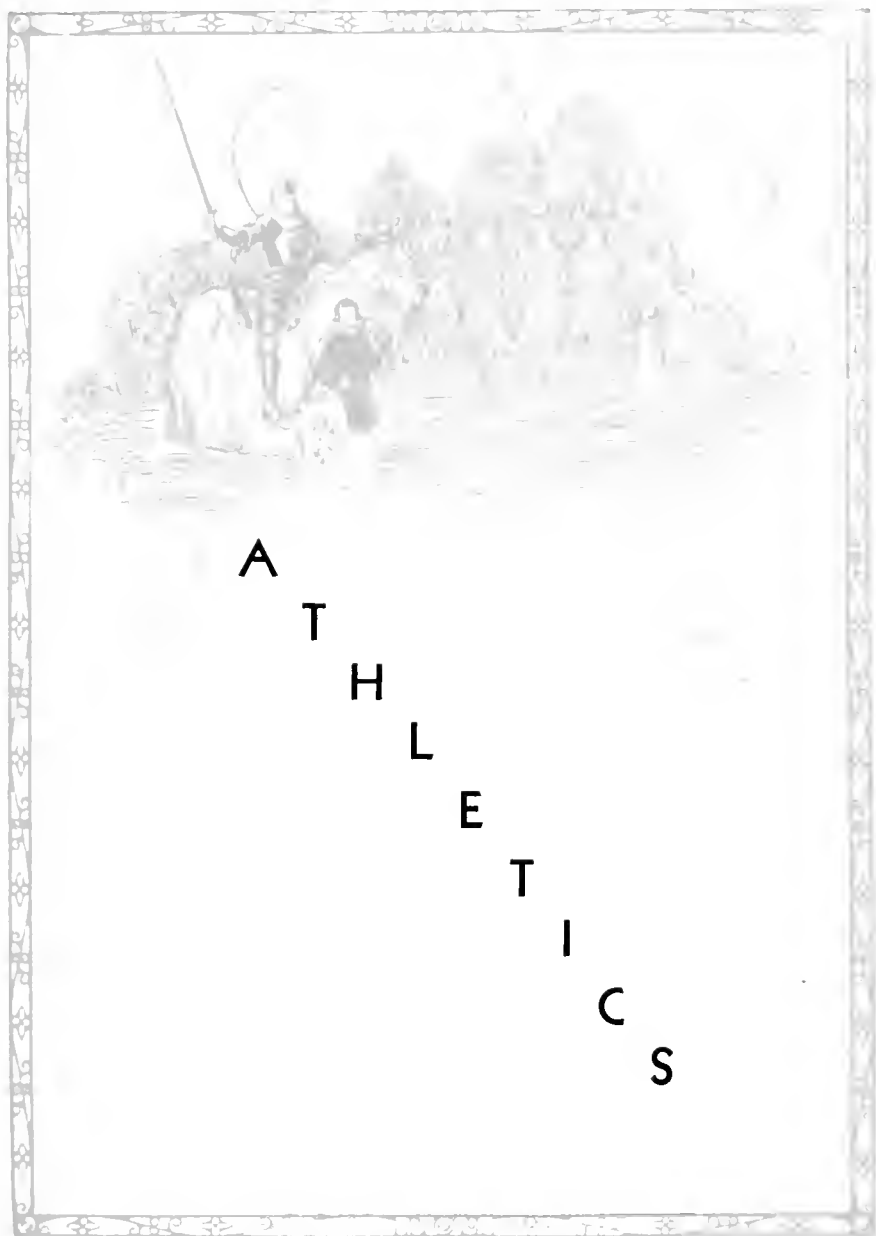
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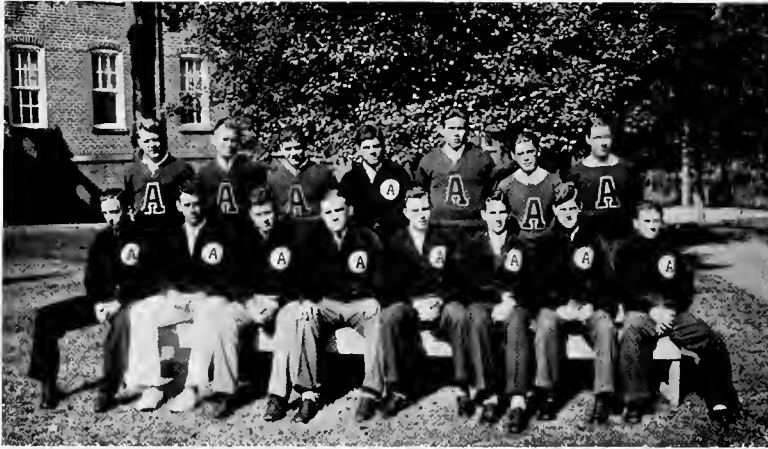
The Altar Boys' Society, officially called St. John Berchmans' Society, was founded on September 15, 1914. Its object is to train students to serve at the altar and to take part in church services with modesty, piety and a religious bearing essential to so high and honorable a function.

These services, in all Benedictine abbey churches, are carried out with solemnity and a strict adherence to liturgical laws.

This year, as in previous years, the altar boys took a principal part in the major religious exercises. These were: Forty Hours Devotions (November 26-28), Pontifical Requiem Mass for Father Bernard Haas, O.S.B. (December 2), Feast of the Immaculate Conception (December 8), Candlemas Day (February 2), Ash Wednesday (February 14), Feast of St. Benedict (March 21). Those students who remained over the holidays took part in the Christmas and Holy Week services.

The annual dinner will be held as usual in the college dining room the latter part of May.





LEFT TO RIGHT: *Front Row:* Newman, Dengate, Cantwell, Baran, Burton, Woltz, Kernan, Kearns. *Second Row:* Tollefson, Harte, McCanless, Mauro, Stults, Flaherty, Ripley.

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The Monogram Club was organized in 1931 and only those men who have won their letters in a major sport are eligible for membership.

The purpose of the Club: To foster school spirit through athletic relations with other Monogram Clubs in other Junior Colleges in the State. This year the members of the Club acted as officials and committeemen during the Gaston County High School Basketball Tournament held at the Abbey in March.

Thirty-eight



LEFT TO RIGHT: *Front Row:* Manro, D. Kearns, Tollefson, Woltz, Cantwell, Exum, Ripley, Rogers. *Second Row:* T. Kearns, Langhorn, Kernan, O'Donnell, Gettemans, Lightner, Campbell, Utter, (Manager).

BASEBALL

The schedule this year will be a limited one, due to various reasons. We will probably play Davidson Frosh, Boiling Springs, Wingate, Mars Hill, Weaver, Charlotte High and a few semi-professional teams in the vicinity.

Only a few lettermen have returned, so Coach Wheeler is forced to build practically a new team. Even at that, we hope for better results than last year's record.

Since the SPIRE is going to press before the baseball season gets well under way we cannot give you a resume of the season, but can tell you that prospects are bright. Who knows but we may have another Harold Haid and Pete Boehling and "Ike" Eichenlaub!

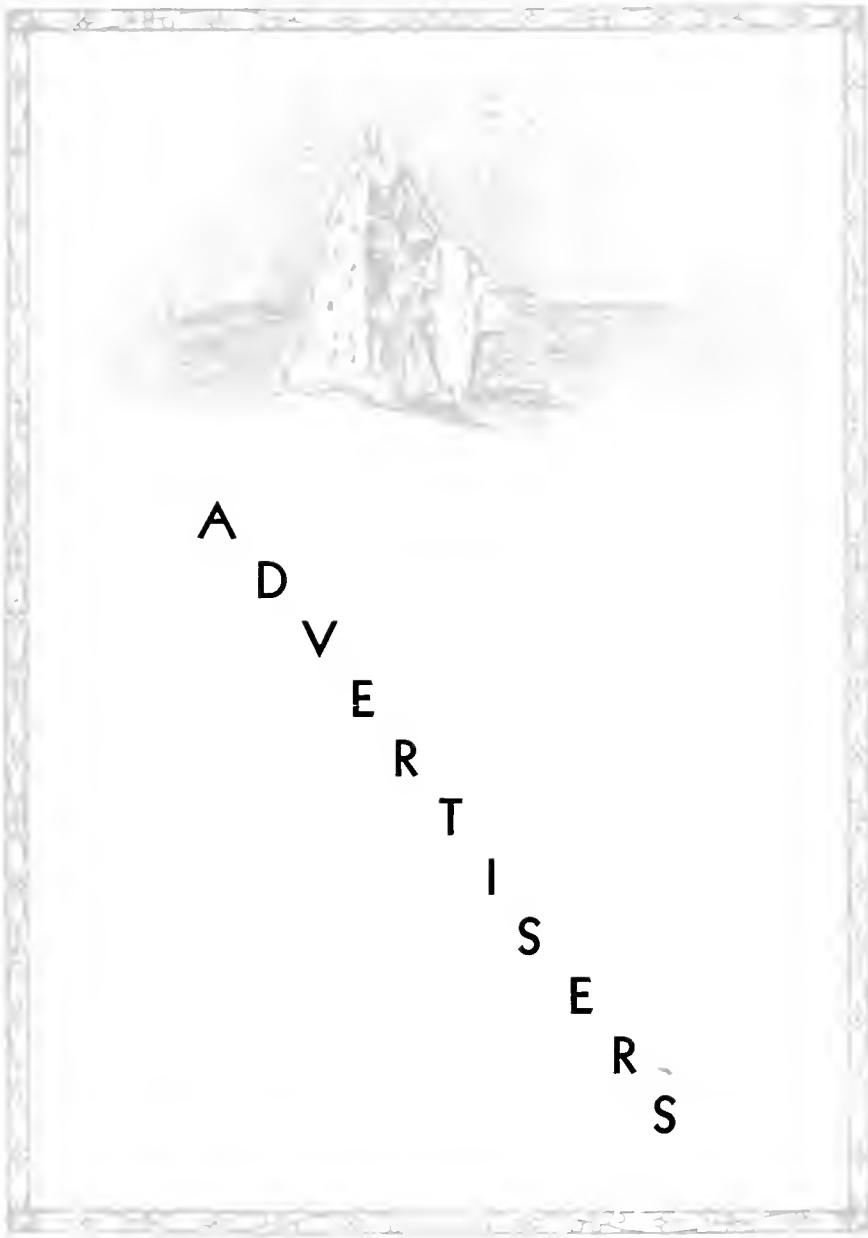


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BOXING

Considering that 1933-1934 saw Abbey's first boxing team, we wish to congratulate Pee Wee Russell (former Carolina middleweight champ) on his splendid showing. From a disastrous start the boys worked up to a point of two draws and a win by the time the season was over. Every opposing team was composed of veterans, so next season prospects look to be unusually bright for the Abbey fistmen.

The seasons results: Charlotte Hi 5—Abbey 3: Mount Holly 6—Abbey 2: Presbyterian Junior 2 1-2—Abbey 2 1-2: Presbyterian 4 1-2—Abbey 1-2: Charlotte Hi 2 1-2—Abbey 2 1-2: Kannapolis 3—Abbey 3: Kannapolis 3—Abbey 4.



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